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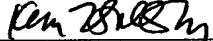
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SIR:

This amendment is filed in response to the April 19, 2007 Office Action in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks are provided beginning on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawing sheets is attached following page 14 of this paper.